

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

UNIVERSITY OF THE ROCKIES AND DEFENSE ACQUISITION UNIVERSITY

INTRODUCTION

This STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT recognizes that University of the Rockies and **the Defense Acquisition University** are actively committed to providing greater educational opportunities and services for the personnel of **Department of Defense Acquisition Workforce**. This commitment strongly supports the University of the Rockies mission of providing high-quality, accessible learning opportunities globally for diverse groups of individuals seeking preparation for life goals, professional practice, service and distinguished leadership.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT is to facilitate awareness of the educational options that are available to **Department of Defense Acquisition Workforce** personnel and to provide the organization's personnel with the information they need to make an informed decision about their continued education. Both parties are committed to the belief that continued education will increase the efficiency, effectiveness, productivity, and long-term personnel retention goals of the **Department of Defense Acquisition Workforce**.

SERVICES PROVIDED BY UNIVERSITY OF THE ROCKIES

Tuition Grant

University of the Rockies will provide a 20% Tuition Grant to all personnel of **the Department of Defense Acquisition Workforce.** This Tuition Grant will reduce the tuition amount by a total of 20% for personnel of the **Department of Defense Acquisition Workforce** who meet the eligibility criteria for enrollment in University of the Rockies programs.

Technology Fee Waiver

University of the Rockies will waive the Technology Fee for students who enroll at University of the Rockies from the **Department of Defense Acquisition Workforce**.

SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE DEFENSE ACQUISITION UNIVERSITY

Communication to Employees

Defense Acquisition University agrees to provide University of the Rockies program information to any or all of the following populations: personnel who would benefit from this alliance, personnel who are interested in obtaining information on degree programs and education options, and personnel who have agreed to be contacted by educational institutions. This information will be provided through the following methods of approved communication: (1) intranet, (2) internet, (3) dedicated landing page (the DAU Strategic Partnership Page), (4) free booth at the DAU Acquisition Training Symposium, (5) advertisements at "What's Hot" on the DAU homepage www.dau.mil, and (6) coordinated visits to DAU campuses to talk with **Department of Defense Acquisition Workforce** members attending DAU courses, or other channels approved by both parties. It is understood and agreed that **the Defense Acquisition University**'s role in these communications is clerical in nature and limited to providing information and access to information to groups of potential students, and does not include targeted information dissemination or solicitations to individuals, and that **the Defense Acquisition University** will not provide anything of value to its personnel for referring other personnel to University of the Rockies.

JOINT OBLIGATIONS

University of the Rockies and **the Defense Acquisition University** agree to provide direct links between their institutional web sites indicating the existence of this STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT. The parties agree that this STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT can be posted at DAU's internet website.

Defense Acquisition University will not engage in any misrepresentation concerning the University, including without limitation its educational programs, the nature of its financial charges, or the employability of its graduates, within the

meaning of 20 U.S.C. Section 1094 or its implementing regulations at 34 CFR Part 668 Subpart F, or any successor code or implementing regulations, or any applicable state law or standard of the University's accrediting agency. All promotional and descriptive information regarding the University or displaying its name or logo that are to be made available to **Department of Defense Acquisition Workforce**'s personnel will be subject to the review and approval of the University before being made available to **Department of Defense Acquisition Workforce**'s personnel.

EVALUATION

University of the Rockies will conduct an annual evaluation focused on the quality of service provided under the alliance supported by this STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT.

TERM

The term of this STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT shall be effective on the date of the last signature to this agreement, to be effective until terminated. Each party shall have the right to terminate this agreement upon ninety (90) days' prior written notice to the other party.

MISCELLANEOUS

As a regionally accredited institution, University of the Rockies faculty shall at all times retain exclusive control over, and responsibility for, all educational matters, including but not limited to curriculum content, learning outcomes, and academic quality. **The Defense Acquisition University** acknowledges that the services provided by University of the Rockies are subject to Federal and state laws and regulations applicable to higher education institutions, and that certain program offerings may vary from state to state as a result of University of the Rockies compliance with such laws and regulations. Nothing contained herein shall imply any partnership, joint venture or agency relationship between the parties and neither party shall have the power to obligate or bind the other in any manner. This STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT may be amended only by a written agreement signed by both parties. This STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original, but all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument. A facsimile or .PDF signature shall be deemed an original for purposes of evidencing execution of this STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT.

The signatories to this STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT represent and warrant that each has the right and authority to execute this Agreement in their individual or representative capacity, as applicable.

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